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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0543

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, LY  
SUBJECT: LIBYAN CHARGE DESIGNATE TO US

1. AHMAD UMAR MADFA'I CALLED AT EMBASSY APRIL 11 TO ANNOUNCE  
HE WOULD SOON BE LEAVING TO TAKE UP HIS POST IN WASHINGTON  
REPLACING GASHUT WHO IS RETURNING TO TRIPOLI.

2. MADFA'I REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES IN LIBYAN/US RELATIONS  
BUT HOPED TO CONTRIBUTE EVEN IN A SMALL WAY TO IMPROVEMENT.  
HE REPORTED HE HAD CONSULTATIONS WITH FONSEC TURAYKI AND  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT MEMBER COL. MUSTAFA KHARUBI. BOTH  
(PARTICULARLY KHARUBI WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS OLD FRIEND AND  
QADHAFI'S CURRENT CLOSEST CONFIDANT) CHARGED HIM WITH TRYING  
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. MADFA'I EXPECTS TO SEE QADHAFI BEFORE  
LEAVING AND EXPECTS TO RECEIVE SAME INSTRUCTIONS.

3. IN FRANK DISCUSSION OF US/LIBYAN DIFFICULTIES MADFA'I  
TOOK POSITION LIBYA OFTEN UNFAIRLY BLAMED FOR TERRORIST  
ACTIVITIES OVER WHICH IT HAD NO CONTROL. HE ALSO OBSERVED  
THAT OTHER BIG POWER (USSR) WAS NOT RPT NOT IN FAVOR OF  
IMPROVED LIBYAN/US RELATIONS. US, AS BIG MATURE POWER,  
MADFA'I ADDED, SHOULD TAKE MORE TOLERANT AND FLEXIBLE  
ATTITUDE TOWARD LIBYA WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS STILL  
SOMETHING OF A CHILD. I TOLD HIM THAT ASSURANCES AND  
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EVIDENCE OF LIBYAN GOOD BEHAVIOR WOULD PROBABLY BE  
WELCOME NEWS IN WASHINGTON. COMMENT: UPBEAT PRESENTATION  
TO BE EXPECTED ON SUCH OCCASION BUT IT DOES APPEAR  
THAT LIBYA STILL SEEKING KEEP US OPTION OPEN.

4. BIO NOTE. MADFA'I, AGE 42 AND BORN IN GHARIAN, IS  
ONE OF SIX FORMER LIBYAN ARMY OFFICERS RECENTLY BROUGHT

IN FROM THE COLD AND GIVEN DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS.  
(CURRENT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON IN SAME CATEGORY.)  
AS A SIGNAL CORPS COLONEL AT TIME OF REVOLUTION (HE WAS  
QADHAFI'S UNIT COMMANDER), HE WAS AUTOMATICALLY IMPRISONED  
BY NEW REGIME. HE WAS RELEASED AFTER SEVERAL YEARS AND  
BUILT UP A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF FOREIGN  
FIRMS INCLUDING SEVERAL US. AS AN ARMY OFFICER HE TWICE  
TOOK COURSES AT THE SIGNAL SCHOOL AT FORT MONMOUTH,  
NEW JERSEY. HIS ENGLISH IS QUITE SERVICEABLE. HIS BROTHER,  
A LOUISIANA STATE PH.D., TEACHES AT GAR YOUNIS (BENGHAZI)  
UNIVERSITY AND HAS AN AMERICAN WIFE.  
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